

Associations Meet -- Dinner On The Ground

October is association time among Mississippi Baptists and the traditional "dinner on the ground" is still a highlight of many of the annual meetings. The typical scene above shows the participants enjoying the meal as well as attendant fellowship. All 76 associations are scheduled to meet in October with many still having the "dinner on the ground" feature.

Southern Baptists Play

By Jack U. Harwell

NEW YORK (BP) — When Southern Baptists and representatives of the American Bible Society (ABS) sit down to tally the points of contact between the two, the results are impressive.

Southern Baptists not only rank as the largest single denominational contributor to the ABS' widespread scripture distribution enterprise but use its services more than any other denomination.

Out of two billion scriptures of all types distributed by the ABS since its beginning in 1816, more than 18 million have been produced with some sort of Southern Baptist identification imprint for special use.

That doesn't include uncounted others that Southern Baptist individuals, churches, conventions, associations and agencies have used in worldwide evangelistic and missions endeavors.

For the past 10 years, Southern Baptists have been the largest single denominational contributor to the ABS operational budget, which now totals \$12 million annually. Last year, Southern Baptists gave over \$253,000 through individuals, churches and agency budgets.

According to Edward Cunningham of Atlanta, ABS executive secretary for the Southern region of the USA, "Southern Baptists received many times over what they gave to the ABS."

Cunningham, one of three Southern Baptists on the Atlanta ABS administrative staff, was a pastor in Kentucky and director of mountain mission work for Kentucky Baptists before joining the ABS.

Through his contacts alone, the ABS has produced more than 75 scripture items specifically for Southern Baptist agencies, associations or state conventions.

The largest single order in ABS history came during the Crusade of the Americas when the Baptist General Convention of Texas ordered 12 million copies of Today's English Version (TEV), commonly known as Good News for Modern Man, New Testaments printed in English and Spanish.

"At least two million other TEV

copies were provided by the ABS for other Baptist state conventions during the Crusade of the Americas," reports James Nettinga of the ABS headquarters at Bible House in New York.

"For many years, Southern Baptists have been almost totally dependent upon the ABS for scriptures used

by the SBC Foreign Mission Board overseas," Cunningham said. "ABS is deeply grateful for this relationship. The Foreign Mission Board makes the largest financial allocation to ABS of any SBC agency."

In fact, in a sense, the Foreign Mission Board and the SBC Home Mission Board both played a key

role in the production by the ABS of Good News for Modern Man, which, in 1971, became the largest seller in book publishing history with more than 45 million copies sold.

ABS officials relate that a letter in 1961 from Wendell Belew, director of

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SBC Ends Fiscal Year With \$70.8 Million In Receipts

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention stayed a pace ahead of the nation's inflationary spiral in its 1973-74 fiscal year, which ended Sept. 30, collecting nearly \$70.8 million through its national Cooperative Program unified budget and designated contributions.

That figure represents a 12.51 percent increase over \$62.9 million collected in the 1972-73 fiscal year, according to John H. Williams, director of financial planning and assistant to the treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee.

National Cooperative Program contributions alone amounted to \$38,036,809. That exceeds the SBC's 1973-74 operating and capital needs budget of \$35 million by more than \$3 million.

The Cooperative Program overage, Williams said, has been distributed via a regular formula among 19 national SBC agencies and the convention operating budget (which includes operating expenses of the Executive Committee, the annual SBC meeting and other items).

Largest beneficiary of the excess (Continued On Page 2)

State Cooperative Receipts Up 11.3 Pct.

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts for the first nine months of this year, through September, totaled \$4,361,017, according to Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

This is a gain of \$443,505 or 11.3 percent over the \$3,917,512 given

the same period of 1973, Dr. Kelly added.

Receipts for September totaled \$364,823, a gain of \$41,485 over the \$323,138 given in September of last year.

Library Organization To Hold Meet In Brookhaven

Rev. Wayne E. Todd, secretary of the Church Library Department of the Sunday School Board, since 1959, will be joined by two much sought-after members of his staff at Nashville, to highlight the program of the third annual workshop of the Mississippi Baptist Church Library Organization.



Todd with several general sessions and bookstore breaks.

Coming from Nashville with Mr. Todd are Keith Mee and Miss Jacquelyn Anderson. Mr. Mee is supervisor of the Mississippi Baptist Church Library Organization and Miss Anderson is

The workshop of nine conferences will be at Brookhaven First Baptist Church Nov. 12. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. and the meeting will convene at 1 p.m. Friday.

Three conference periods will be Friday afternoon, Friday night and Saturday morning, interspersed with several general sessions and bookstore breaks.

Move: Reaching Out with Resources", and will be available at bookstores after October 1.

Mr. Todd says, "All Christians have opportunities to witness, but they often need help in knowing the most effective way to witness."

Before joining the Sunday School Board in March 1960, Keith Mee served eight years as minister of education of Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington, Ky. Mr. Mee attended the University of California at Berkeley. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics and master of arts in education degrees from the

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SBC Sunday School Board Shoots For Attendance Goal

NASHVILLE (BP) — On "High Attendance" Celebration Sunday," Nov. 17, 1974, Southern Baptists will aim toward a record 5,000,000 people

day, the first such Southern Baptist Convention-wide attendance project, is designed to celebrate the highest one-day Sunday School attendance in the 129-year history of the SBC.

Presently, over 7,180,000 are enrolled in the 33,534 Southern Baptist Sunday Schools, according to A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Reaching the 5,000,000 attendance goal would mean an increase of one-third over the 3,250,000 people who attend Sunday School regularly.

The special Sunday will climax a six week "Reach Out Project" in many SBC churches, in which an effort will be made to contact every known prospect.

All churches are being encouraged to work toward having the highest attendance ever.

To begin the tallying process, each church is being asked to report attendance to its local association of

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Annual "M" Night Set In November

NASHVILLE — "M" Night, the annual associational meeting to encourage participation in church training programs, is scheduled for Nov. 25 this year.

According to figures received by the church training department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, 170,111 attended "M" Night last year, representing 8,331 churches. Of the 1,192 Southern Baptist associations, 726 reported having an "M" Night program last year, with 5,982 pastors present.

"CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place for Training... Family Style," a film-strip and recorded narration for use of the "M" Night program, is designed to major on the training opportunities for the family in the Sunday night program. It is available in Baptist Book Stores.

Billy Graham: In No Position To Judge President Nixon

LOS ANGELES (RNS)—Evangelist Billy Graham said here that he is not in a position to judge former President Richard Nixon.

Speaking at a press conference in connection with a three-day celebration honoring his 25 years of work in mass evangelism, Mr. Graham said that the former President ultimately "will answer in his own way" before God.

"I'm not able to be his judge," the evangelist declared. "There is only one infallible judgment in all of the universe and that's God's judgment. We are all going to stand before Him."

When President Ford announced his pardon of Mr. Nixon, Mr. Graham praised the Chief Executive for exercising "decisiveness, courage and compassion" in taking that action. In the press conference here, he said he felt President Ford did a "good job" in giving "sincere reasons" for the pardon.

Graham said, "As a man sows, so shall he reap."

The evangelist declined to comment on the former President's present spiritual condition, saying that to do so would violate confidences as a clergyman.

Mr. Graham reported that he had talked with Mr. Nixon by telephone about two weeks before the pardon, and that he had asked to see the former President at his San Clemente home.

"He said it was not convenient at that time and that he was in a great deal of pain and that he had a great deal of work to do," the evangelist told reporters.

Mr. Graham also said he had "no plans" to see President Ford, and had not been invited to the White House since Mr. Ford took office in August.

Religious Freedom Week

WASHINGTON, D.C. (C-SNS)—The week of May 2-8, 1976 has been designated as National Religious Freedom Week by the Board of Trustees of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, meeting in Silver Spring, Maryland in September.

"We plan to make this a week of celebration across the country," indicated Glenn L. Archer, Executive Director of the organization. "Americans need to be reminded that the Declaration of Independence in 1776 made possible a second Declaration of Independence in 1791—the independence of the church from the state. The Old World policy of enforced conformity to officially established religion had been followed in America until freedom-minded Americans demanded a change. Under the leadership of Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, the United States Constitution was amended to separate religious institutions and programs from government by law. By guaranteeing the free exercise of religion, all other human freedoms were made possible."

"Freedom of religion is one of the most precious gifts of American democracy," added Dr. Arthur W. Melke, a member of Americans United's Board of Trustees. "Each person has the right under our Constitution to express his religious beliefs according to his own preference, and no church or religious institution can occupy a favored place with the government. This great principle makes for good government and vital religion."

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WMU, Pastors Plan Joint Session In Miami Beach

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) and Pastors Conference will hold a joint session to open their June 8-9, 1975 meetings prior to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) here.

The first joint session ever held by the two groups will be Sunday evening, June 8, in the Miami Beach Convention Center, according to Mrs. R.

L. Mathis, president of WMU, and James L. Pleitz, president of the Pastors Conference. The SBC will meet here June 10-12.

The Pastors Conference and WMU decided to join forces for the Sunday evening session in order to share the only meeting place in Miami Beach large enough to handle the crowd (Continued On Page 2)

Southern Seminary Names Earl Guinn To Teaching Position

LOUISVILLE (BP) — G. Earl Guinn, president of Louisiana College in Pineville, La., since 1951, has announced early retirement to become professor of Christian preaching at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, effective Feb. 1, 1975.

Guinn, 62, a native Mississippian, was pastor of First Baptist Churches in Louisiana in Sterling, Jennings and Bossier City, and was chairman of the department of preaching at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Tex., before assuming the presidency at Louisiana College, a Baptist school.

He is a graduate of Louisiana College and holds the master of theology and doctor of theology degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Prominent as a preacher throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, Guinn has led special preaching weeks at Midwestern and Southeastern Baptist Seminaries and was co-author of "Southern Baptist Preaching," published in 1959 by Broadman Press.

The veteran college administrator is immediate past chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention's Education Commission and has served on the executive board of the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

In 1970-71 he was president of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools. He is currently president of the Louisiana Foundation for Private Colleges and is a member of the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana.

During his tenure as president, the

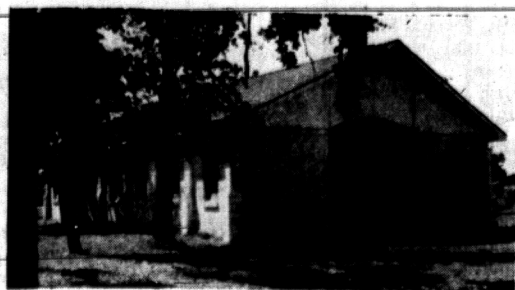
college's annual budget rose from approximately \$300,000 to approximately \$2,000,000 and total assets have increased from \$2,003,285 to \$12,709,634.

Numerous physical facilities have been added, including the newest which carries his name, the Guinn Auditorium and Religious Education Building.

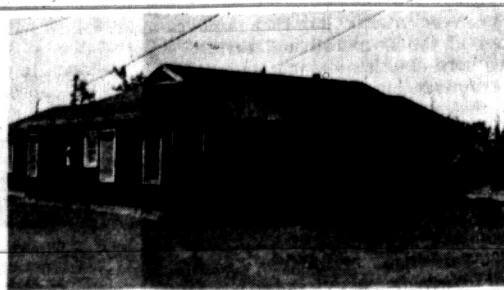
About two-thirds of all persons who have received degrees from Louisiana College have received them during Guinn's tenure; and faculty doctorates rose from approximately seven per cent to 60 per cent.

Calvin Hodges, a layman from Baton Rouge, president of the Louisiana College trustees, appointed a search committee to seek a successor to Guinn.

Church, Pastor's Home, Near Gulfshore Given To Board



Beach Boulevard Church



Beach Boulevard Pastor's Home

The Beach Boulevard Baptist church, and the pastor's home and 13 adjoining lots, all adjacent to Gulfshore Baptist Assembly property, have been donated, debt free, to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson, the board's executive secretary-treasurer, in making the announcement, said that the property, comprising about two and one-half acres, was given by the (Continued On Page 2)

Library Organization To Hold Meeting In The World Of Religion

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University of Kentucky. He has conducted conferences in all phases of church library work at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Conference Centers as well as in associational and state groups throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. At Brookhaven Mr. Mee will lead a conference for new and inexperienced librarians and speak on "Use of Media in total church program" shortly after the meeting convenes Friday afternoon.

Miss Jacquelyn Anderson, also with much experience in state, regional and convention wide conference leadership, is a native of Georgia. She is a bachelor of arts graduate from Tift College, Forsyth, Ga., and has a master of library science degree from George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville.

She also has served in various types of denominational work for her home state.

Miss Anderson will lead the conference, classification and cataloging

for experienced librarians. Also, she will talk about Book Selection at a general session Saturday morning.

Larry Taylor works with audiovisuals at First Baptist Church in Jackson. He will lead the audiovisuals workshop.

Mrs. Edd Lewis, director of Library Services at Jackson First Baptist, will teach circulation and records.

Mrs. Janet Jordan, past president of this Mississippi Baptist Church Library Organization, a teacher in Jackson Public Schools and on the library staff at First Baptist in Jackson, will lead a conference on the verticle file.

Mrs. Jackie Payne, Director of Library Services at Van Winkle church in Jackson, widely known employee at the State Library Commission, will hold the workshop on "Promotion of the use of the church library."

That burden becomes light which is cheerfully born.

The program committee enlisted a director of library services who has had several years experience in using cassette in her church library to bring her knowledge to a conference on tapes and their use. She is Mrs. Russell Bush Jr. of Columbia.

Book mending will be taught by Mrs. Alice Hamer Sanford, associate professor of library science at MSU. Previously Mrs. Sanford was with the State Library Commission.

Both Mr. Mee and Miss Anderson's conferences will be continuous (if you take either of them you will not have time to take any other.) The other

seven conferences will be taught three different times for two hours each.

Mrs. W. H. Hight of Louisville, president of Mississippi Baptist Church Library Organization, urges all church library workers, directors and staff members who possibly can do so, to attend.

Mrs. J. V. Myers, director of library services at Brookhaven's First Baptist Church, is vice president and in charge of local arrangements. Other officers are: Mrs. Rex Burrow of Rosedale, Program chairman; Mrs. Jackie Payne of Jackson, publicity chairman; Mrs. Russell Bush Jr. of Columbia, secretary - treasurer; and Mrs. Harvey Leake of Woodville, historian.

Mrs. Jordan, and Bryant Cummings, director of the Sunday School Department, are ex-officio members. Library work in Mississippi is under the auspices of the Sunday School Department.

COLORADO SPRINGS — Cadet religious programs at the Air Force Academy are "still going strong, and most chaplains feel the situation is better" than before the U. S. Supreme Court ruling of January 1973 which abolished mandatory chapel attendance.

RICHMOND, Va. — Voters will go to the polls in 31 counties and 27 independent cities in Virginia Nov. 5 to express their views concerning the state's Sunday closing law.

NEWARK, N. J. — New Jersey's Roman Catholic schools for the first time are participating in a statewide program allowing enabling non-public school children to borrow secular educational textbooks under a new program in which the local public school districts provide \$15 per child for three years and \$10 for each year thereafter.

ATHENS — Calls for the separation of church and state in Greece have been made by the hierarchy of the Orthodox Church in Greece "because the church is continually being humiliated by the state."

LUSAKA, Zambia — Lusaka Radio has said that the 56,000 Jehovah's Witnesses in the country seem to be headed for a showdown with the government over the question of singing the national anthem and saluting the flag, and seven children have been expelled from school in Kitwe, Zambia, for refusing on orders of their parents, to sing the anthem.

NEW DELHI — An official census reveals that 2,900 foreign missionaries are at work in India with the U. S. furnishing the most at 896. Next is Italy with 441; Spain, 297; Belgium, 259; West Germany, 238; and France, 227.



Belhaven Garden Club To Plant Magnolias As Memorial Gift For New Hospital Grounds

The Belhaven Garden Club, second oldest garden club in Jackson, has made a memorial contribution to the new Mississippi Baptist Hospital. Paul J. Pryor, hospital administrator, left, is pictured holding a check that will pay for the planting of two magnolia trees on the grounds of the new hospital (shown in background).

Mrs. Lester L. Johnston, chairman of the committee making the presentation, is pictured at center, and Mrs. E. Douglas Kenna, Sr., another committee member, is at right. They and other committee members (Mrs. Robert M. Hederman, Jr. and Mrs. W. R. Bethea) representing the Belhaven Garden Club hope by this gift to set a precedent that other garden clubs of Mississippi may join in helping to beautify the new hospital grounds.

The committee asked that the check be placed in safe keeping until such

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giving was the convention's Foreign Mission Board, which received more than \$1.5 million, in addition to its regular Cooperative Program allocation and receipts from the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

The SBC Home Mission Board got \$556,040 above the regular Cooperative Program allocations and receipts of the annual Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions.

Six SBC theological seminaries divided more than \$627,000 in excess funds, with three of them topping the \$100,000 figure — Southwestern in Fort Worth, \$174,920; Southern in Louisville, \$139,693 and New Orleans, \$111,147.

The only other agency receiving more than \$100,000 was the SBC Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth, with \$141,212.

"We're tremendously pleased," Williams said, "that Cooperative Program and designated gifts helped offset the inflation spiral and keep the purchasing power of the agencies just

ahead of the cost of living percentage."

The \$38 million-plus Cooperative Program figure represents more than \$4.2 million — or 12.43 per cent — above \$33.8 million received through fiscal 1972-73.

Cumulative designated gifts through the 1973-74 fiscal year amounted to more than \$32.7 million. That's more than \$3.6 million above designations of some \$29 million received through last fiscal year.

Figures for the month of September, 1974, alone, the final month of the fiscal year, only showed a minimal increase over September, 1973, Williams said.

More than \$3.4 million in total contributions, Cooperative Program and designated, came in September — amounting to only 1.58 per cent above total receipts in September, 1973.

Included in the \$3.4 million is more than \$3 million in Cooperative Program receipts — a 3.58 per cent increase over the same month last year — and \$396,850 in designated gifts — some \$449,241, or 11.66 per cent, below September, 1973.

SEATTLE — A federal grand jury has indicated "deprogrammer" Ted Patrick on a charge of kidnapping Kathie Crampton, a member of a religious sect known as the Love Israel Family or the Church of Armageddon, in order to attempt to "deprogram" her or alter her beliefs. Her mother, who lives in Redondo Beach, Calif., is a founder of a national organization formed to fight the influence of controversial youth cults and says that "immoral people are learning mind-control techniques and using them on others for their own fraudulent and illegal purposes."

PORTLAND, Me. — The Portland City Council has joined all other Maine communities in extending free bus transportation to parochial and private school students at a cost of \$65,000, but it was not a unanimous decision and strong objections were raised including that of the mayor.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The American Revolution Bicentennial Administration is recommending that all churches in the nation ring their bells for two minutes at noon, Oct. 14, to commemorate the first session of the Continental Congress held in Philadelphia in 1774.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The revision of federal laws to assist state lottery operations has been opposed by the Rev. John P. Adams, the top law and justice official of the United Methodist Church, in a letter to U. S. Attorney General William B. Saxbe.



below moderating one of the small group sessions. John Alexander, director of the Stewardship Department, in picture above two serving on a panel discussion group are, (left) Rev. Clarence Cutrell, associate in Stewardship Department and Dr. Joe McKeever, pastor of First Church, Columbus.

Property Given To Board

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Gulf Coast Baptist Association to be used in connection with the assembly.

The church was originally started as a mission by the association and about two years after Hurricane Camille struck in 1969, the church was disbanded because of the displacement of so many of its members caused by the hurricane.

The property was then deeded back to the association, which in turn, donated it to the Convention Board.

Rev. Allen Stephens, pastor of Bay Vista Baptist Church in the association, is moderator with Rev. J. W. Brister serving as superintendent of missions.

"The property will be a tremendous addition to Gulfshore Assembly for many reasons," Dr. Kelly said. "One is that for the first time the assembly has an entrance on Highway 90."

The property fronts on Highway 90 for about one city block and is shaped like the letter L. It also fronts on the road leading from the highway to the assembly and extends to a depth of about 180 feet.

Christian Giving Seminar Held

By Barbara Taylor

What is your definition of "Christian giving?" Defining this term was just one of the many objectives of a Seminar on Christian Giving held Sept. 23-26 at Camp Garaywa, in Clinton.

This seminar, a first for Mississippi, was planned and programmed by representatives of three areas of work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board: Rev. John Alexander, director of the Stewardship Department; Rev. Carey Cox, executive secretary of the Baptist Foundation; and Miss Marjean Patterson, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union.

As pastors from various sections of the state gathered at Camp Garaywa, many ideas were expressed on the subject of giving. Presentations on topics related to giving were made during each session, enabling those present to hear varying viewpoints and opinions. During the seminar, several discussion groups were provided in order that ideas about the presentations could be shared.

Participants discussed Biblical principles of giving, Christians and tithing, motivation for giving, and many other topics. The studies on giving were further emphasized by encouraging each pastor to help his church participate in a Cooperative Program celebration during 1975. This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists — and suggestions were made for planning a celebration of this significant event in Baptist history.

What was gained from the seminar?

Rev. Al Finch, pastor of Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, said, "The value of the seminar was not only a broad spectrum of insight from Baptist leadership of the state, but also their contributions were written in the forms of papers that can be filed and can be of help for a long period of time."

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expected, Mrs. Mathis and Pleitz said. Theme for the session will be "One World, One Witness." Highlighting the program will be a commissioning service for new foreign missionaries, to be conducted by officials of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Pleitz, the pastor of First Baptist Church in Marietta, Fla., said that leaders are on the way. This will be a good kickoff for our meetings."

He said the program will have wide appeal because a missionary commissioning service has never been held in the Miami area. Mrs. Mathis, from Waco, Tex., said the commissioning service was planned in response to requests by local Baptist leaders.

"We are pleased with the prospect of filling the 16,000 seats of the convention center with people who love missions," she said.

Americans United - -

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that "this Nation, under God, is a true assemblage based on the validity of religious freedom. The strength of America is in terms of its strict adherence to the principle of separation of church and state. This principle has assured meaningful moral and religious values to a sovereignty that seeks to implement democratic principles. I wish that every church, every fraternal organization and every school would plan a program as a part of the celebration of National Religious Freedom Week."

National Religious Freedom Week will be observed across the country in hundreds of cities. Americans United will provide guidelines, program aids, and study materials. Interested persons may write or call Virgil A. Kraft, Director of Field Services, 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 589-3707.

New Baptist Center Opened In Senegal

DAKAR, Senegal — A second Baptist center has been opened in the heavily populated Ouganiaye quarter here.

The work begun in this residential section presents a "new and challenging opportunity for Baptist witness," according to Farrell E. Runyan, Southern Baptist missionary and press representative.

The new center has a reading room for those who want to come and read or study. Already sixty young men have enrolled in the reading club.

Former Missionary To Korea To Join 1st, Jackson, As Minister Of Missions

Charles Baker, an associate in the Texas Baptist division of student work, has accepted a position as minister of evangelism and missions at First church, Jackson, effective October 15.

Baker, 32, has been associate director of student work in charge of campus evangelism and international student work during his four

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The Dedication Ceremony of

The Baptist Student Center at the University of Mississippi

University Avenue at 5th Street Oxford, Mississippi

Sunday, October 20, 1974, at 3:00 p.m.

Open house will be held at the Center from 10-12 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. Saturday, October 19, 1974 and 4-5:30 Sunday, October 20, 1974

Interest Rates And Financing Double Church Loan Seekers

By Toby Druin
ATLANTA (BP) — High interest rates and increasing inability to obtain local financing for new buildings have doubled the number of church loan inquiries received by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board (HMB) here.

The HMB annually makes loans totaling some \$10 million to about 250 churches and receives inquiries from another 1,000 churches, most of which in the past have eventually obtained their loans from local sources such as banks or savings and loan agencies.

But more and more congregations are finding there is no money available locally for loans or they cannot afford the interest rate and are calling on the HMB for help.

He added that for the first time in 10 years the loans division, in light of the flood of inquiries, is being forced to consider how to set priorities and how to restrict loans.

Because of commitments made more than a year ago, Kilgore said, the HMB has been able to get loans at a rate which has kept the interest rate to churches at the 8.5 per cent level. But those commitments have been exhausted and the next borrowing will cost 11.5 per cent, thus prompting considerations of raising the HMB rate to churches or subsidizing the loans.

"We're finding many churches, or contractors, can't get a construction bond because the companies issuing the bonds don't have any idea about the final cost," Kilgore said. "They are reluctant to issue a contract with inflation what it is unless there is a good margin for error."

Many churches are also having difficulty getting construction loans. Kilgore said that in the past most churches have been able to take a HMB loan commitment letter to a local bank and obtain construction financing — money to pay the building cost as the building goes up.

Such difficulties coupled with high interest where loans are available, Kilgore said, are prompting many churches to consider bond programs which enable them to borrow from individuals instead of a financial institution.

"In most instances the increased spread is about two per cent over the face of the bond," a church issuing 8 1/2 per cent bonds usually is paying about 10 1/2 per cent interest on its money when all the fees and other costs are considered," he said.

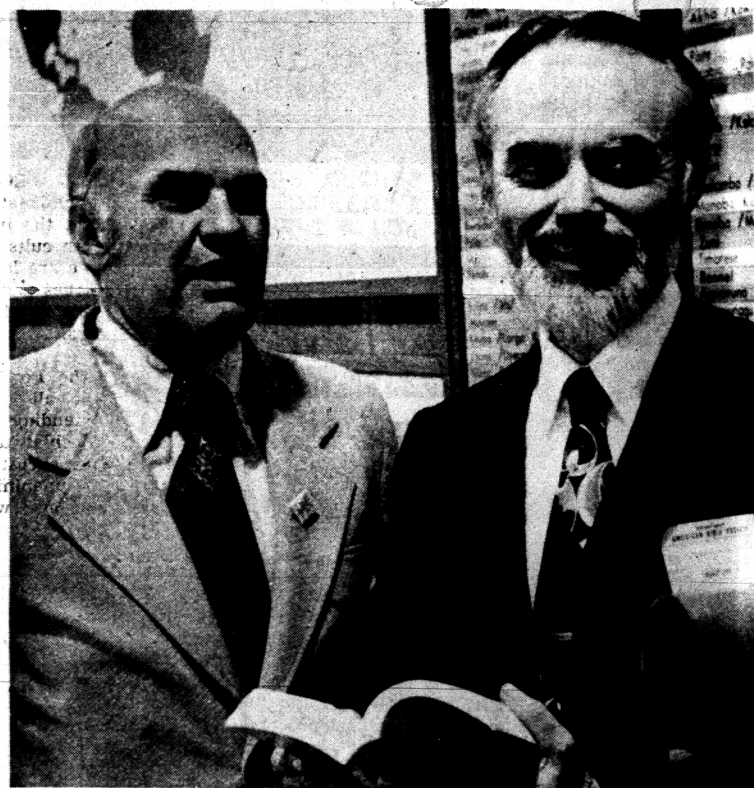
Kilgore offered advice for any church going into a building program: "Build only what is absolutely necessary and make the building for multiple uses — the economics of the situation are that most churches today simply cannot afford to have the tremendous investment in a building used only an hour or two a week."



Twenty-three representatives of Southern Baptist State Conventions attended on orientation session at the headquarters of the American Bible Society in New York

City Sept. 19-20, 1974. The group is being addressed here by the Rev. Dr. John D. Erickson, an executive secretary of the ABS. — (ABS Photo)

SBC Plays Major Role In ABS



TEV Translator Addresses Baptist Editors — Among program participants at an American Bible Society-sponsored orientation for Southern Baptist editors in New York City were the Rev. J. Edward Cunningham (left), a Southern Baptist who is executive secretary of the Southern Region in the ABS National Distribution Department, and the Rev. Dr. Robert G. Bratcher (right), a former Southern Baptist foreign missionary who was the principal translator of "Good News for Modern Man," the New Testament in Today's English Version published by the ABS. Dr. Bratcher is chairman of an ABS committee now at work on the TEV Old Testament. (BP) Photo by American Bible Society.

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the missions division of the Home Mission Board, sparked the idea for the Good News version when he asked if a New Testament translation could be prepared that would be understood by people with a fourth grade education.

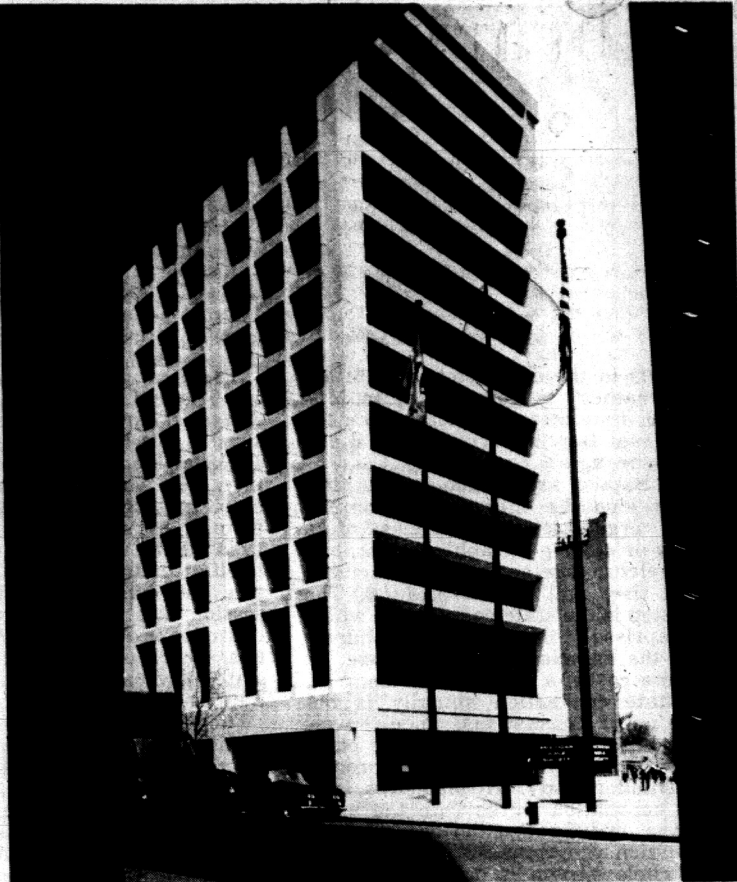
As a result of Belew's letter, Robert G. Bratcher, a former Southern Baptist foreign missionary, headed a team of ABS translators which produced the Good News version in 1968. Another team headed by Bratcher is completing translation of the Old Testament in Today's English Version. The complete TEV Bible will be released by the ABS in 1976 as a "gift to America on its 200th birthday."

The ABS, Cunningham points out, has had a good working relationship with Southern Baptists in producing many special scripture pieces for special ministries.

Examples with the Home Mission Board include packets for state park ministries, prison ministries, migrant workers, good will centers and "Campers on Mission," the board's work with family campsites.

For many years, ABS has produced special Bible portions to coincide with January Bible Study Week in the Southern Baptist Convention. Now it is giving major promotion to "Justice Now," a special edition of Hosea-Amos-Micah, which will be January Bible Study books in 1976.

"One of the most popular items in the ABS catalogue is 'Jesus,' the special book on the life and sayings of our Saviour produced at the request of National Student Ministries at the Baptist Sunday School Board and the Home Mission Board for use on col-



BIBLE HOUSE, headquarters of the American Bible Society, on Broadway at 61st Street in New York City. (ABS Photo)

lege campuses," Cunningham says. He points out that ABS has also produced a special edition of the Gospel of Mark for the Woman's Missionary Union SBC auxiliary to be used with "coffee dialogues" which WMU sponsors.

In 1974, ABS is working with National Student Ministries in a major effort to get scriptures in the hands of every international student on every college campus in the nation.

Many ABS scripture projects have been completed in conjunction with state Baptist conventions and local associations and churches.

One of the biggest was the printing of one million copies of a tabloid edition of the Gospel of John for the Georgia Baptist Convention in 1972, when the convention was 150 years old.

The same edition was reprinted for Indiana Baptists, with a special cover designed for the Indianapolis 500 auto race. Over 100,000 copies were distributed to race fans.

Many Southern Baptist groups are now working with Cunningham and other ABS officials on special scripture items to be used in 1976, as part of the national bicentennial. The ABS, using a "Good News America" slogan, plans massive Bible distribution projects for the bicentennial.

In Mississippi, the ABS is working with Southern Baptists to place a Bible in every black home in 1975. Cunningham helped Baptists in New Orleans to produce special Mardi Gras editions of Bible portions.

Miami Baptists produced an Orange Bowl edition, including lineups of football teams, and when the Super Bowl football game was played in Houston, Baptists and ABS distributed more than 200,000 evangelistic portions of scripture.

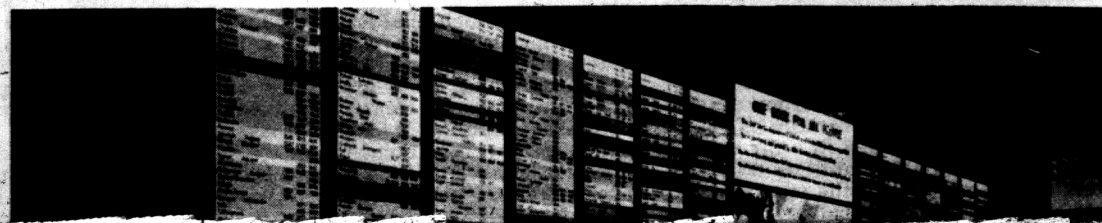
ABS also makes scriptures available to chaplains at military bases, hospitals, prisons and other places, usually without cost.

"By producing Bibles and scripture portions in such heavy volume, we can keep unit costs way down. We pass these savings on to Southern Baptists and to all other groups who purchase and distribute ABS scriptures," Cunningham explained.

"ABS hopes this happy relationship with Southern Baptists continues on into the future. Our common task of getting God's word into the hands of every man, in a language he can understand at a price he can afford to pay, calls for cooperation and creativity on the part of all concerned."



GOOD NEWS FOR SOUTHERN BAPTISTS—At the headquarters of the American Bible Society in New York City, where they were attending an orientation meeting for representatives of Southern Baptist State Conventions, Joe T. Odle, editor of the Baptist Record, left, and Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, center, examine a copy of the newly published "Good News for Modern Man" in Color, the American Bible Society's New Testament in Today's English Version with more than 200 full color illustrations, with Dr. John D. Erickson, right, executive secretary of the ABS Ways and Means Department. — (ABS Photo)



LANGUAGE CHART AT BIBLE HOUSE — On the first floor of Bible House in New York is located a wall chart listing all languages in which a part of the Scriptures has been translated and published since the invention of printing by Johann Gutenberg in 1466. The

chart gives the dates of publication of the first portion of the Bible, the first complete New Testament, and the first Bible in the language. At the end of 1973 the chart showed that a portion of the Bible had been translated and published in 1526 languages.

Eddleman Resigns As Head Of Criswell Bible Institute

DALLAS (BP) — H. Leo Eddleman, a former president of a Southern Baptist Convention seminary, has resigned as president of the Criswell Bible Institute here to teach fulltime at the school affiliated with First Baptist Church, the SBC's largest church.

Eddleman, who served as president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 1959-70, cited as reasons for his decision "growing administrative responsibilities" and radical back surgery in 1970 and 1973 which "has resulted in some physical limitations."

He left a position as manuscript analyst at the SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., to become

Martins To Begin Work In Southern Africa Nation

RICHMOND, Va. — Mr. and Mrs. Earl R. Martin have been transferred from their mission station in Tanzania to a new mission effort in Madagascar (Malagasy Republic).

The Martins, Southern Baptist missionaries appointed to Kenya in 1966, will open the work in the island nation off the eastern coast of Southern Africa after completing their furlough and language study. Initially they will be stationed in the Capital city of Tananarive and will be involved in general evangelism work.

"We can't talk about what we'll be doing because we don't really know," said Martin. "We'll have our eyes and ears open to see what needs there

are and what opportunities we can fit into. I have an idea that our work will primarily be one-to-one, personally, that type of ministry at first. I hope that it will never be less than that."

Approximately one-third of the country's eight million people are Christians, or considered to be Christians, according to Martin. Of these, half are Protestants and half are Catholic. The major Protestant denomination is Lutheran. Other Protestant groups include the Church of Jesus Christ, an attempt at a united church that really didn't materialize, and two main Baptist organizations, the American Conservative Baptist organization and the Baptist Association.

"We are going to associate in a positive way with existing Baptist work and hope that we can sit down with them, talk and plan," said Martin.

"There are too many people to be won without us being concerned with dragging away their members. We're not interested in that at all. We're joining hands with existing Baptist work to get the message of Christ out to all the people."

The culture will be different from the culture in which the Martins worked in Kenya and Tanzania. The Malagasy people are not ethnically African, but Mallo-Polynesian.

"The people, from my impressions during the very brief visit there, are happy," Martin said. "I noticed they had sort of a spring in their gait. They seemed to have a sense of confidence and are extremely cordial. They are an interesting people."

One of the opportunities that may open for the Martins is literacy work. Both of the Martins taught at the Baptist seminary in Arusha, Tanzania; Mrs. Martin taught literacy among other subjects.

"We both like to teach and we both believe in literacy work as an avenue for evangelism," Martin continued. "It's possible that we may find some opportunities to use adult literacy work. We'll just have to see."

Madagascar has a comparatively stable government, according to Martin. In 1972 a bloodless military coup took over the then 14-year-old republic. Since then a national referendum has left the government in the hands of the military for another five years. Then there will be a general election and civilian government.

"I talked to the minister of labor, a fine Christian," Martin said. He was extremely encouraging. This kind of welcome is genuine and bona fide. It represents a real opportunity."

As Southern Baptist missionaries open new work in Madagascar, they will face a new culture, a new ministry and a warm welcome.

Convention President Speaks

For sometime, Mr. A. L. Nelson, the business manager of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and I have been discussing the giving of Mississippi Baptists. He has come up with some very interesting figures that I want to share with you. Let me emphasize that these figures cannot be documented, but are some general ones based on assumption.

"If it is true that 15% of our church members give 90% of our money, 15% of our members will put over \$80,000,000 in the collection plate this year."

If these assumptions are true and if we could lead another 15% of our Mississippi Baptists to join us, our church collections would almost double, or probably increase in the amount of \$80,000,000. We cannot be completely accurate at this point because we do not know what that group would be giving already. But if we were able to increase our giving by \$80,000,000, among many things we would, in our state alone, be able to underwrite the total budget of the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, plus everything we are already doing.

This is a thought that merits our prayers and promotion. I am strongly convinced that God's people have the necessary funds to do whatever our Lord wants done. Let me encourage you to do your part—David Grant.

SANYATI, Rhodesia — About 140 women recently attended an association of the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) meeting at the Gambia Church here. During the weekend meeting, they had no electricity, walked a half of a mile for water, slept in the church, and cooked outside. In the midst of the inconvenience, the women sang, prayed, and asked the Lord's blessing, according to Southern Baptist missionary Mrs. John W. Monroe.

clear the certainty of God's gracious purposes.

He reports more than 50 per cent

"Many are moving toward a time when they cannot afford a full time

reported no mission gifts in 1973. Twenty per cent gave \$2,000 - 3,000 last year. More than 30 per cent gave \$5,000 - 25,000 and 15 per cent gave \$25,000 or more in total mission gifts outside the individual churches.

"This shows a strong evangelical thrust," says Mabry, "but the net gain is small since the mobility of most of these communities is extremely high. These churches are increasing their memberships significantly, but having small net increases because members move out of the communities almost as fast as new members join."

"The dimensions of this problem suggest it is significantly large enough to warrant some diligent searching for solutions."

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posal of change.

SEOUL, Korea — Sonlight, the international Baptist Church's youth musical group, recently completed a bus tour near here performing Christian folk music in churches, U.S. Army bases, schools, U.S.O.'s, seminars and clubs. Response was "great," according to Dennis Goodwin, Southern Baptist missionary journeyman who is the group's director. The conductor of one of the musicals, Cyrus Bush, a U. S. Army chaplain's assistant, said, "It was a thrilling experience for me and made my time in Korea much more meaningful. If I had the time, I would like to do another program." Sonlight was chosen as the name because "We sing about God's Son and His love, and it's upon Him that we hope to let our light shine," according to Goodwin.

God Reveals His Concern About Worship

By William J. Falls
2 Chronicles 5-7
 Although the Temple that Solomon built was not really so large, its construction and artistic decoration required seven years. Hiram, king of Tyre, supplied cypress and cedar, and metal workers from Tyre designed and cast in bronze several large features and many minor furnishings of the Temple. It must have been an impressive structure. This story is told in 1 Kings 1:1 to 7:51 and also in 2 Chronicles 1:1 to 4:22. Perhaps the latter account is shorter because the writer of Chronicles may have been a Levite and therefore more interested in worship than in construction details. Our lesson focuses on the experience of worship in the Temple built by Solomon.

The Lesson Explained
BRINGING THE ARK TO THE TEMPLE (5:7-10)

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Discipline And Forgiveness

II Corinthians 1:12-2:1
 It is hard to read someone else's mail and know what the writer is talking about. It is like listening to one side of a conversation. This is the reason that people sometimes find the Bible hard to understand. There are 27 books in the New Testament and 22 are letters. By research and study some helps have been provided to make clear the subject matter of these letters.

The letters to the Corinthians are among the most difficult to understand because Paul is writing to give advice and divine guidance to the church's particular problems. What are the

Missionary Work In Ecuador Expands To Eastern Jungles

By Stanley D. Stamps
 COCA, Ecuador (BP) — When a cross-country oil pipeline with a new road running beside it advanced into the northeastern jungles of Ecuador, colonizers were on the heels of the construction workers, and Southern Baptist missionary James P. Gilbert was not far behind.

Now after 15 years in Ecuador's capital, Gilbert and his wife Dottie have moved to the jungle. The situation has changed.

Long before the pipeline was finished, thousands from all over the country hurried to grab up the land offered by the government's land reform program.

Colonists now are staking out claims on both sides of the pipeline, developing small communities. Authorities estimate that over 30,000 families have moved into the area, representing 150,000 people. Looking for a new opportunity, James and Dottie Gilbert were lured away from the comfort and security of the city.

The Ecuador Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) recommended that the mission establish a station in Coca and the Gilberts be permitted to locate here.

This is the first evangelistic witness to be established among the Spanish-speaking colonists in an area that reaches all the way from the eastern fringe of the Andes Mountains, north to the Columbia border and east and south to the border of Peru.



In the area of Coca, Ecuador, currently being transformed from sparsely-settled jungle to a more densely-populated region, Southern Baptist missionary James P. Gilbert tries to evangelize and minister to the new residents. Since oil has been discovered in the area, the population has boomed. The government has built a road alongside a cross-country oil pipeline making the area more accessible. (BP photo).

After David captured Jerusalem and made it his capital, he had the ark brought from the house of Abinadab to Jerusalem and placed it under a special tent (2 Sam. 6:17). Now it was Solomon's turn to give it a new and permanent home. In the midst of much sacrificing the priests carried it into "the most holy place." The word "oracle" here means the place where communications from God are received. The cherubim were two giant, winged figures which seemed to guard the holy of holies and the ark. Some thought that the invisible "presence" of God was above the ark and between those outstretched wings.

The ark contained the two stones on which were written the ten laws God gave at Sinai (Deut. 10:1-5). These were the tangible evidence of the covenant God had made with his people. Neither they nor the chest were to be worshiped. But placing the ark in the Temple was the climax toward which all the planning and building had moved.

problems and circumstances that called for this letter?

From a reading of the passage of scripture we are to study, it appears first of all that someone was leveling accusations of slander to discredit Paul. He promised to visit the Corinthians again but the situation at the church at Corinth had become so bitter he felt he should not come. The accusers said you cannot understand what he says because he says yes and no at the same time. He felt that the people were questioning his motives. The trustworthiness of the messenger which affects the trustworthiness of the message was his concern.

Paul tried to explain that the reason he did not come was for their good. His previous visit had created more pain than it had helped. So he delayed the visit in order to hope for a more healthy climate.

The second problem that Paul touches is that of a man who had been disciplined and now needed forgiveness. When Paul visited Corinth and things did not go right, there was a ring leader who personally insulted Paul. The church had followed Paul's advice and disciplined the man. Not only had Paul been hurt but the whole church, so some now wanted more severe punishment put upon the man. It was Paul's plea that enough discipline has been demonstrated. The man is now changed in attitude and further punishment would only do more harm than good.

who do not agree with us. Many of our churches are torn with party divisions, unbecoming behavior in members and unchristian attitudes. How will we react to them? If we are unchristian, we will probably contribute to the schemes of the devil. If we follow the example of Paul we may save the church, serve the Lord and see the salvation of the lost.

WHO IS QUALIFIED TO SPEAK AND DISCIPLINE?

Why all this fuss because Paul did not come when he said he would? If so, here is a warning that promises should never be given lightly. This may have been how it started but Paul defends himself and his integrity and sincerity. It is no doubt that Paul was hurt because he was accused of acting like any ordinary secular man without principles. All of this passage deals with the very important subject — that the trustworthiness of the messenger affects the trustworthiness of the message.

Paul's defense is really a strong message to any person who wants to be a good leader. (1) A messenger must be pure. There should be no

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SINGING PRAISE TO THE LORD (5:11-14)
 Although the Levites had carried the ark to the Temple, it was taken into "the most holy place" by the priests. Only they could enter that special room. When Chronicles was written, only a certain number of priests served in the Temple at a time, and they sanctified themselves when their turn came. This is the background of the second half of verse 11. The choir and the orchestra were composed of Levites, plus the priestly trumpeters.

The musical instruments mentioned are similar to ours; the psaltery is a kind of harp, like a dulcimer. The phrase "to make one sound" (v. 13) means to sing in unison. Even while the choir sang the words with strong instrumental support, a cloud began filling the Temple, and it became so thick that the priests had to stop their ministry. The Lord was really there. **GOD'S PROMISE TO HIS PEOPLE (7:12-14)**

All of 2 Chronicles 6 is Solomon's blessing of the people and his dedica-

hidden actions. Every action should be such that it can bear the test of everyone's eye. (2) A messenger must not have a hidden motive. Paul said his conduct was not dominated by human motives of self interest but by the grace of God. We very seldom do anything with absolute unmixed motives. Our motives will come out in the end. (3) A messenger must not have hidden meanings. A man needs to be able to mean everything he says.

Could the people at Corinth trust the message of Paul? What was the message? Read I Cor. 2:2. All the promises of God were in Christ. Had Jesus not come, we might have doubted the tremendous and precious promises of God. Jesus is the personal guarantee that all the promises will come true. If one knows Jesus, he knows the message of Paul and the trustworthiness of the message.

It is by Jesus Christ that we say "Amen" to the promises of God. "Amen" is not just a word of ritual. It is an expression of confidence. Jesus is the "Amen" of life, living proof we can trust. Not just because Paul said it, but because we have experienced Him in our life.

A trustworthy person to speak or discipline must be one who knows Jesus and seeks to serve Him.

WHAT IS THE PROPER DISCIPLINE?

Paul is a good example of a Christian who has been injured or insulted. Here he gives us some good

for, he could think properly. He did not suggest vengeance but correction. He did not intend to "put him away" but to try and help him.

The type of discipline one uses is very important. This strong kind can drive a person beyond human help. Punishment should encourage and not discourage.

Martin Luther used to say, "Spare the rod and spoil the child but beside the rod keep an apple, to give the child when he has done well."

Paul was satisfied that proper discipline had been given to the insulter. Now he encourages the church to forgive him of his sin. The forgiveness must come from the heart. Pity or indulgence is not enough to help.

The only effective discipline is the discipline given with the arm of love round the other person. There is a corrective spirit about the person whose heart is broken because of hurt. The purpose of the discipline must be for reclaiming the offender.

Forgiveness will restore the offender to the fellowship of the church. This should not be "held over his head". Forgiveness treats the person like he had never done the wicked deed.

Our church history has been sprinkled with actions of discipline that hurt instead of helped. This is why so little action is taken today to help people by church discipline. The need is still there.

Today we need more concern, prayer and advice on how to reclaim our erring brothers. But the greatest need is forgiveness. If someone does us wrong or wrongs the church can we ever forgive him?

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tory prayer. Then began two weeks of "solemn assembly" (7:9) and celebration. After the people had been sent home, "the Lord appeared to Solomon by night" (7:12) to respond to the praise and prayer. Here we come upon one of the great statements of the Old Testament — really an echo of the covenant between God and his chosen people.

Nature operates within the permissive will of God; he permits both flood and drought. Locusts are a part of his creation, and a cloud of them moved by hunger may rob man of his own food. The Hebrew saw a moral meaning in such disasters; God used them to punish and teach his people. The famous verse 14 is an open invitation. They must admit to whom they belonged and be willing to face him. Just being sorry would not be enough, however; they must "turn from their wicked ways." In that mood they could receive God's forgiveness. Through the years some of the people were willing to claim that promise.

Board Inquires On Earthquake In Peru; Missionaries Safe

LIMA, Peru (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has asked missionaries whether relief funds will be needed in Peru, following an earthquake which shook the Lima area, Oct. 3.

Frank K. Means, secretary for South America, said the board awaits requests for such aid from the Southern Baptist missionaries there, who escaped injury, according to early reports.

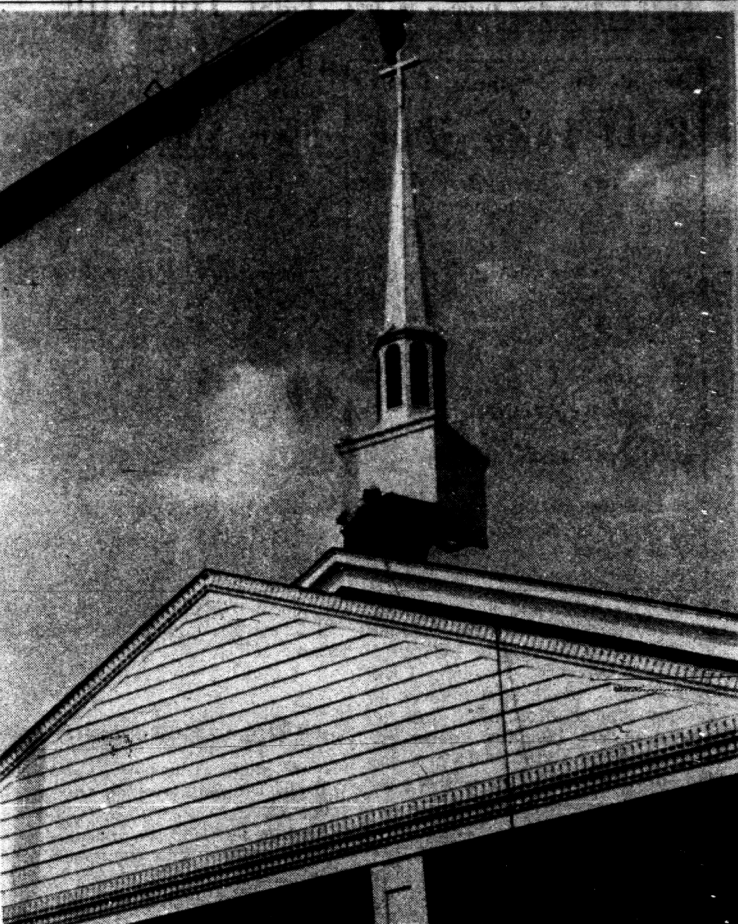
A cable from the missionaries in Lima, the morning following the disaster, said, "Everyone fine," Means said.

No reports were available concerning deaths or injuries to Baptist nationals, damage to Baptist property or immediate involvement of missionaries in relief efforts.

Peruvian government officials estimated that the earthquake killed at least 40 persons, while injuring 1,000 others. News reports indicated a damage was "extensive."

The National Geophysical Institute said the quake registered a 6.5 to 7 intensity on the 10-step Richter Scale.

Of the 31 Southern Baptist missionaries stationed in Peru, five couples reside in Lima. No other missionaries were in the quake area.



Immanuel Steeple Goes Up
 On September 19, Immanuel Church, Columbus, erected a new steeple on the auditorium. Pictured are two members, Ronnie Herrington and Glen Coleman, guiding the steeple into place. During the past church year, Immanuel has experienced tremendous growth. With a large active bus outreach the church baptized 90 individuals into its fellowship and received many by letter. Along with its special ministry to retarded children, the church has begun an active ministry to the deaf. In addition the church began construction on a multi-purpose educational and activities building. The pastor is Rev. Jerry E. File.

Baptist Church Complaints Factor In Court Ruling On Obscenity

ASHEVILLE, N. C. (RNS)—A superior court judge has prohibited two local bookstores from selling more than 50 items of literature and film that he declared obscene after hearing protests from several Baptist churches.

Buncombe County Solicitor Robert D. Lewis had contended that the feelings of local Baptists were representative of the overall community's moral standards.

He reported that he first received complaints in the form of signed postcards prepared by the interdenominational Christian Action League, but had more recently received protest letters from Calvary, Grace, and West Asheville Baptist Churches, all in Asheville; and also from the First Baptist Church of Black Mountain.

County Sheriff Tom Morrissey also testified that he had received a complaint about the book stores from the Buckeye Cove Baptist Church.

Judge Harry C. Martin found that all but one of the exhibits entered in the case were obscene. He issued an order prohibiting the stores — B's Book Stores in downtown Asheville and suburban Swannanoa — from selling more than 50 books, magazines, and films.

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HOME COMING: Dinner on Grounds

30th Homecoming
At Oak Grove
Oak Grove Church, Rt. 1, Lexington, at Tolarville, will observe 30th annual homecoming Sunday, October 13. There will be dinner on the ground and afternoon singing. The New Faith Generation Singers of Parkway Church, Kosciusko, will be featured singers. Former members, former pastors, and friends are invited. Rev. Walter Hines is the pastor.

Clear Branch Church Homecoming Oct. 13

Clear Branch Church near Terry will observe homecoming on October 13. Rev. E. N. Sullivan, pastor of County Line Church, Crystal Springs, will preach the morning message. Lunch will be served at the church. The afternoon service will include congregational singing and special music by Carl and Lynda Floyd of Jackson. Rev. Ralph Brady, pastor, extends an invitation to the public to be present for this occasion.

Homecoming At Harland's Creek

On October 13 Harland's Creek Church, Holmes County, will observe annual Homecoming - Harvest Day celebration. This is a special event in the church year when all offerings go to the retirement of the indebtedness of the past year. All members, former members and friends are invited for the day of preaching, good food, and fellowship. Rev. C. M. Day is the interim pastor.

Stonewall Homecoming

Homecoming at Stonewall Church in Simpson County is set for October 20. Two services will be held, in addition to dinner on the ground. All former members and friends are invited.

New Hope Homecoming

New Hope Church (Lawrence) will observe Homecoming Day on October 13. The speaker for the morning service will be Rev. Sam Waggoner, a former pastor. The afternoon service will be one of singing provided by local groups.

"We are looking forward to another good homecoming. All former members and friends are invited," says Rev. Talmadge Smith, pastor.

Eret Burns Note On Pastorium

Eret Church, State Line, held homecoming day on September 22, with Rev. Emory James delivering the morning message.

After the hymn singing service at 2:45 p.m., a noteburning ceremony was held to destroy the note on the new pastorium. Rev. Wilson W. Bogan, Clarke - Wayne superintendent of missions, delivered the afternoon address. Rev. L. J. Fairchild is interim pastor.

The turtle makes progress when he sticks his neck out.

The only way to have a friend is to be one.

1st, Coldwater Centennial Is October 13

First Church, Coldwater will celebrate its centennial on October 13, with all-day services.

Dr. Anthony S. Kay, former pastor at Coldwater and now pastor at Crestview, Florida, will be the guest speaker for both morning and night services.

The afternoon program will include music, and recognition of former members and special guests. Rev. Ervin Brown, Desoto superintendent of missions, is the interim pastor.

Calvary, Corinth Honors Pastor Culp

On September 8, members of Calvary Church, Corinth, honored their pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Culp, with a surprise Appreciation Day Service. The surprise was revealed during the morning worship service when Billy Dan Taylor invited the many friends and relatives of the couple, who had come to share this special day with them, to enter the sanctuary.

Mrs. Ann Thompson pinned a corsage of red roses on Mrs. Culp while Mrs. Linda Crum pinned a red rose boutonniere on Mr. Culp. James Newcomb presented the Culp's with a plaque expressing the church's appreciation to them.

Dr. James Travis of Blue Mountain College brought a special message, followed by lunch in the fellowship hall. The choir presented special music under the direction of Billy Dan Taylor. Paul Crommons read some of the letters from friends who were unable to attend.

A tribute written especially for the Culp's by members of the church was read by Gerald Wegmann. Other gifts included a scrapbook, presented by Mrs. Peggy Jumper. Mrs. Culp's father, J. C. Ward of Grenada, closed the service with prayer.



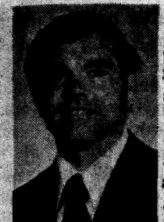
Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Culp

Devotional

Jesus Is Coming Again!

By Gail W. DeBord, pastor, First, Long Beach

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:11-13). The early church was looking for Jesus to come again.



When I was eleven years old, my father and I moved to the big city into a small basement apartment until we could get a house for the entire family. It was Christmas night when Dad and I arrived in Columbia, Missouri. He said, "In the morning you wait for me right here; and I'll be back to get you before dawn. You'll go to work with me tomorrow." When I awoke the next morning, my Dad had already left for the bakery to load the bread truck. I dressed and went outside. There was a blanket of snow on the ground and I saw for the first time street lights making diamonds in the snow.

I went several blocks this way, several blocks that way, and then in another direction looking for the bakery; BUT I ALWAYS CAME BACK TO THE PLACE MY FATHER TOLD ME TO WAIT. Impatiently, I began to worry about my father's return. But after while the lights of that truck announced the coming of my father. My heart jumped within me. I was so glad to see my dad.

I love to talk with my dad today, but there is something yet more precious; and that is to get to speak to my heavenly father in the sweet communication of prayer. But one of these days there will be another sounding of his voice; perfect and clear. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God" (1 Thess. 4:16).

Jesus is coming again to call his children home. For you to be ready to meet your heavenly father, I remind you of the words of Jesus, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, by me" (John 14:6).

Revival Dates

First Church, Quitman: October 20-27; 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Joe Vernon, pastor, Fifth Avenue Church, Rome, Ga., evangelist; Price Harris, Shreveport, La., music evangelist; Rev. Ed North, pastor.

Southern Hills Church, Jackson: October 6-13; Evangelist Joe Royalty, guest preacher; Tom Larrimore, music evangelist; services on both Sundays at regular hours; week-day services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. David T. Cranford, pastor.

Calvary, Gulfport: October 13 - 18; Rev. Jerry Estes, pastor of New Hope Church, Gulfport, evangelist; Rev. Rodney Smith of Gulfport, song leader; Rev. James E. Parker, pastor; services at 7:15 p.m.

Sandersville (Jones): October 20 - 24; Rev. James McCall, pastor of First, Sharon, evangelist; Wayne Meeks, minister of music, Wildwood, Laurel, directing the music; regular services on Sunday; during week at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Horace Carpenter, pastor.

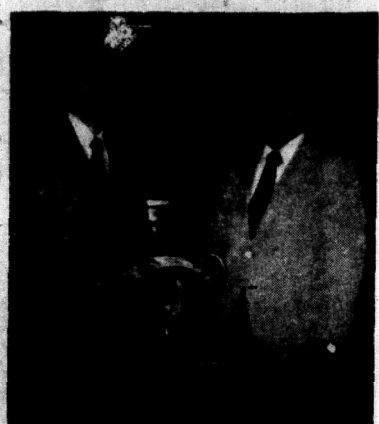
First Church, Natchez: October 20-27; services at 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Angel Martinez, evangelist; Steve Taylor, singer; Rev. Odean W. Puckett, pastor.

Bellehaven Church, Ocean Springs: October 18-20; Rev. Frank Gunn, pastor of First Church, Biloxi, evangelist; Rev. Ralph Kelly, pastor.

Scholarship Winners Are Announced By Radio-TV Commission

FORT WORTH — Miss Kathy Haverly of Indianapolis, Ind., and Harold R. Best of Inlet, N. Y., have received Distinguished Communications Scholarships from the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth.

The scholarships are awarded annually to Southern Baptist broadcasting students. This year's scholarships honor Frank Stanton, former president of Columbia Broadcasting System and president of the American National Red Cross.



Dumas Church Hears Native Son, Presents Gift Check

Rev. Don Miller, senior ministerial student at Blue Mountain College, preached at Dumas Church, Tippah County, on September 15. The church presented him with a gift check for \$200, to be applied to his college tuition. Mr. Miller is pictured at left above as he receives the check from Rev. Billy W. Baker, the Dumas pastor.

Mr. Miller was a summer missionary this year to California. He is active in his local church, working with Royal Ambassadors. Also he does supply preaching and is available for a pastorate.

Born at Dumas, lived there until he was sixteen. After moving to Lafayette County, he surrendered to the gospel ministry. His parents live now at Oxford.

Beacon Burns \$20,000 Note

Beacon Church, Hattiesburg (Lebanon) burned the \$20,000 note September 15 on their sanctuary which was dedicated three years ago. The note was paid off in only three and one-half years.

Those who took part in the service were Demart Morgan, treasurer; Rev. Frank Shields, pastor; Richard Burkett, Lee Bustin, and Herbert Clark. Robert Smith directed the music program for the service.

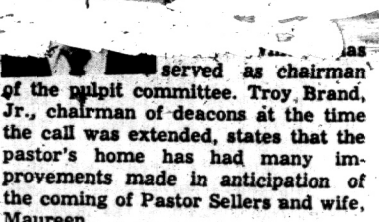
Browning Accepts Penn-Jersey Post

HARRISBURG, Pa. (BP) — Walter E. (Ed) Browning, associate in the Sunday School division of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, has been named director of the division of religious education of the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania - South Jersey.

Hickory Calls Mt. Nebo Pastor

Rev. David Sellers has accepted the call as pastor of Hickory Church, Newton Association. Mr. Sellers has been pastor of Mt. Nebo Church in the same county for about six years.

A native of Orlando, Florida, he is a graduate of Mississippi State University.



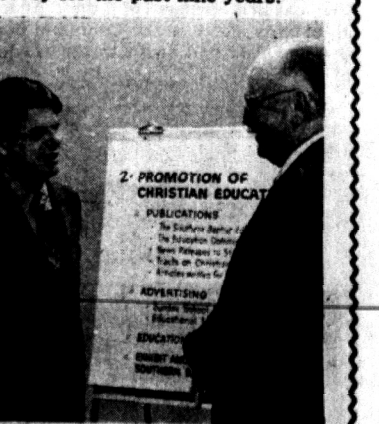
First services under the new minister will be October 20.

The lowest ebb is the turn of the tide. — Longfellow

No one is ever beaten unless he gives up the fight.

The secret of happiness is something to do.

William Carey College professor, Dr. William Clawson, has been notified of his inclusion in the first annual listing of Who's Who in Religion in America. Dr. Clawson, of the Religion and Philosophy Department, has been at Carey for the past nine years.



Rev. Hardy Denham, left, Newton, chairman of the Mississippi Education Commission, discusses one of the Education Commission, S.B.C. programs with Rev. Marlon Dukes, right, from Virginia. Mr. Denham represented Mississippi during the state education committee chairman's meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, September 18.

Off The Record

A salesman was trying to interest a country store owner in a hearing aid. "I get along with something a lot cheaper than that gadget," said the owner.

A businessman handed the hotel manager a bouquet of flowers and said in a sympathetic voice, "It's for the switchboard operator." The manager looked pleased.

"This," he announced proudly, "cost me only a few cents." "But how can that wire help you hear?" asked the puzzled salesman.

"You'd be surprised," said the store owner. "When people see this, they talk louder."

In a small restaurant in Texas, a traveler ordered two fried eggs and was surprised that he was charged a dollar apiece for them. He asked the proprietor, "Are eggs scarce around here?"

"No," replied the owner, "but tourist are."

Names In The News

At the close of a Lord's Supper service, Sunday night, September 29, Hillcrest Church, New Albany, licensed to the gospel ministry Don L. Halsey, freshman at Blue Mountain College. Don plans to prepare for either foreign or home missionary service through college, and later seminary, and is available for supply preaching.

He is a 1974 graduate of W. P. Daniel High School and for approximately two years has served as director of New Albany's Christian Youth Center, THE TROJAN. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Glen D. Halsey, 275 Substation Road. He is grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Hardy and Mrs. William Halsey, all of New Albany.

New Palestine Calls Pastor

Harry Barnes, a recent graduate of New Orleans Seminary, has been called as pastor of New Palestine Church of Picayune.

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The same fire that burns wood hardens steel.

The best way out of a difficulty is through it.

A thousand-mile journey begins with a single step.

Miss Shirley Jackson, missionary to Brazil, has arrived in the States for furlough (address: 4 Elm St., Natchez, Miss. 39120). She was born in Bentonville, Ark., and grew up near Natchez.



THE FRESHMAN CLASS at Blue Mountain College has elected officers. These students and their sponsor will host the 1974-75 High School Weekend to be held on campus November 16 and 17. Left to right are: Betty Jo Parsons, Somerville, Tenn., secretary; Betty Love Ragon, Bolivar, Tenn., chaplain; Renaida Pharr, Belmont, vice-president; Donna Abel, Nocona, Texas, president; and Debbie McNabb, Somerville, Tenn., treasurer. Seated front, is Charles Clark, associate professor of art, sponsor of the class and director of High School Weekend activities.

Revival Results

Petal - Harvey Church: September 22-28; 19' for baptism; six by letter; 20 rededications; Rev. Jerry Passmore, pastor of Olive Church, Pensacola, Fla., evangelist; Gary Hodges, minister of music and youth, Woodlawn Church, Vicksburg, song leader; Rev. Jerry Henderson, pastor.

Baptist Temple Church, Alexandria, La.: Sept. 8-13; Rev. Glen Wagnon, pastor; Tommy and Diane Winders, Tupelo, evangelists; three decisions; two professions of faith.

West Ellisville Church, Ellisville: Sept. 15-18; Rev. Hueston Adkins, pastor; Tommy and Diane Winders, Tupelo, evangelists; 54 decisions; 12 by letter; 17 professions of faith.

Industry need not wish.

Achievement has limits, endeavor none.

Green Named To 'Distinguished' Post At Southeastern

WAKE FOREST, N. C. — Dr. J. Leo Green has been designated Distinguished Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at Southeastern University.

Dr. Green has been a member of the seminary faculty since the school opened in 1951 and is a popular teacher, preacher and author.

A native of Mississippi and a graduate of Mississippi College, he holds the Th.M. and Ph.D. degrees from Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky where he taught from 1957-1968. He then served as a pastor in Florida at Pensacola and Gainesville until he joined the Southeastern Seminary faculty.

Gerald W. Waldrop began his service as minister of music at Randolph Church (Pontotoc Association) on September 11. He goes to Randolph from Brewer Church where he served four and one-half years as minister of music and was ordained as minister of music. Mr. Waldrop has a B.S. degree from Mississippi State University, M. E. degree from the University of Miss. Married to the former Sammie Jo Newell, he is father of two sons, Michael, 4 and Kevin, one. He was a member of the Songs Quartet for some eight or nine years. Rev. Edward Pendergrast is pastor.

Two new staff members at First Church, Shelby, are Tim Logan and Roger Fuller. Mr. Logan, minister of music, is a student at Delta State University and is from Horn Lake. Mr. Fuller, church pianist, is also a student at Delta State. His home is in Jackson. Both young men will be working with the youth program as well as the music program of the church. The pastor is Rev. Charles E. Farmer.

Mrs. Leo D. Cobbs, 70, of Dallas died at Baylor Medical Center, Dallas, Sept. 28. Mrs. Cobbs is the mother of Louis R. Cobbs, director of the missionary personnel department of the Foreign Mission Board.